

AUTISM INSURANCE

Eastern Michigan University SUPPORTS autism insurance legislation (SB 414, SB 415, and SB 981).

- **IMPROVED OUTCOMES & REDUCED COSTS:** Effective autism therapy can cost up to \$50,000 (per child annually), which creates a financial burden to Michigan families. There is a wealth of research showing that early diagnosis and treatment of autism results in better outcomes and reduces costs to families, insurers, and the government.
- **BECHMARKING WITH OTHER STATES:** The majority of States have already enacted autism insurance legislation.
- **AUTISM COLLABORATIVE CENTER:** EMU's Autism Collaborative Center (ACC) provides discounted therapeutic services to children and adults within the Autism Spectrum. Families are also offered free support groups and education. The ACC – which provides services to families throughout southeast Michigan – was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant by the State of Michigan to establish a telehealth program. This innovative new program, combined with autism insurance legislation, will allow the ACC to assist even more Michigan families.